The New Avengers and the Astonishing X-Men met to discuss the fate of Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch—the daughter of the powerful mutant terrorist Magneto. After losing control of her reality-altering powers and suffering a total nervous breakdown, Wanda unleashed chaos upon the Avengers, killing and injuring many of their number. Magneto intervened and took his daughter to the devastated island-nation of Genosha, where Charles Xavier—Professor X, the founder of the X-Men—was to help her recover. Xavier failed, and now it is up to Wanda's friends and teammates to decide whether she will live or die. But Magneto, Wanda, and her brother Pietro disappear...

Then the world burns to white. Reality as we knew it is gone...

...to be replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions, and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

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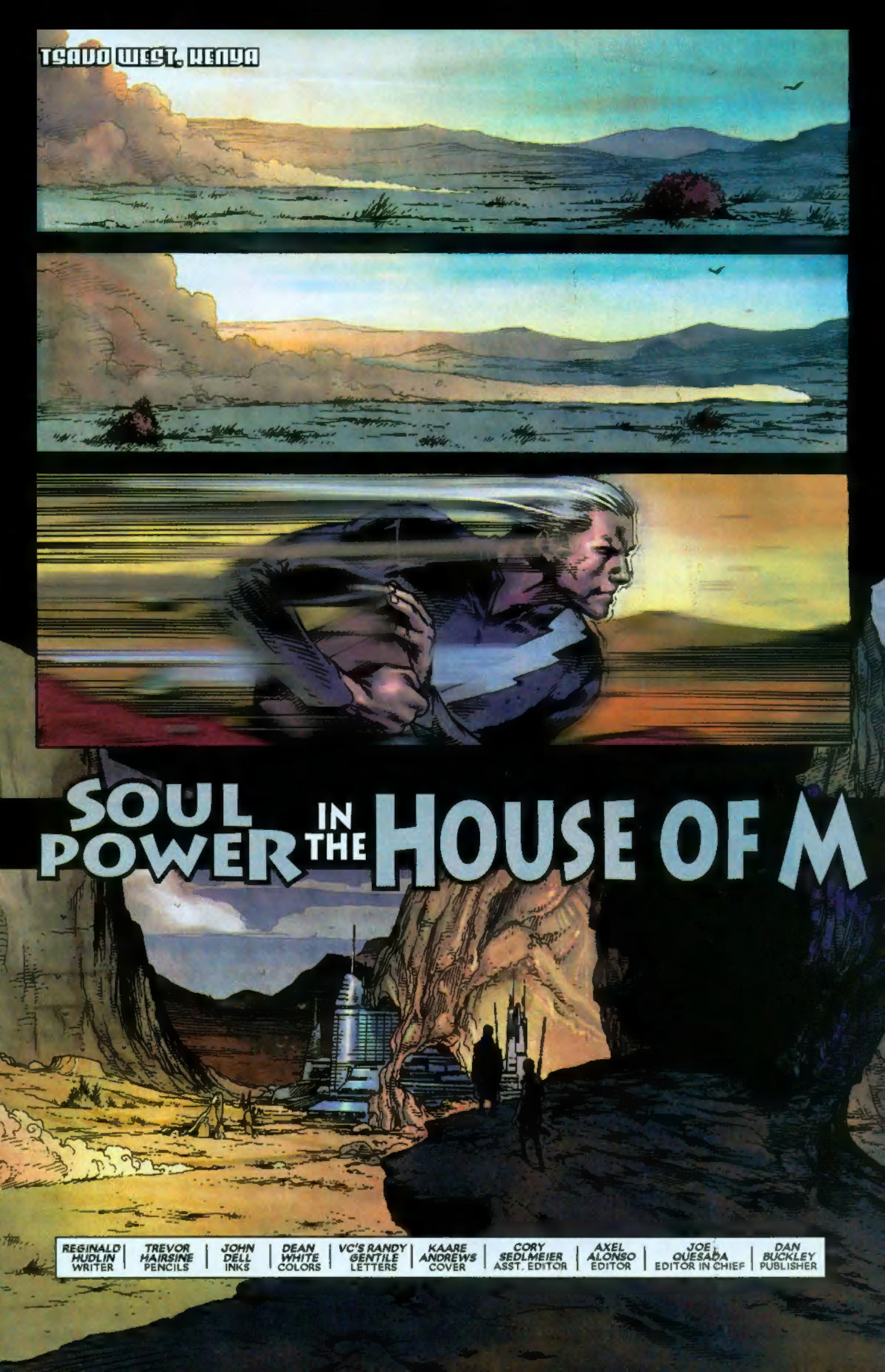
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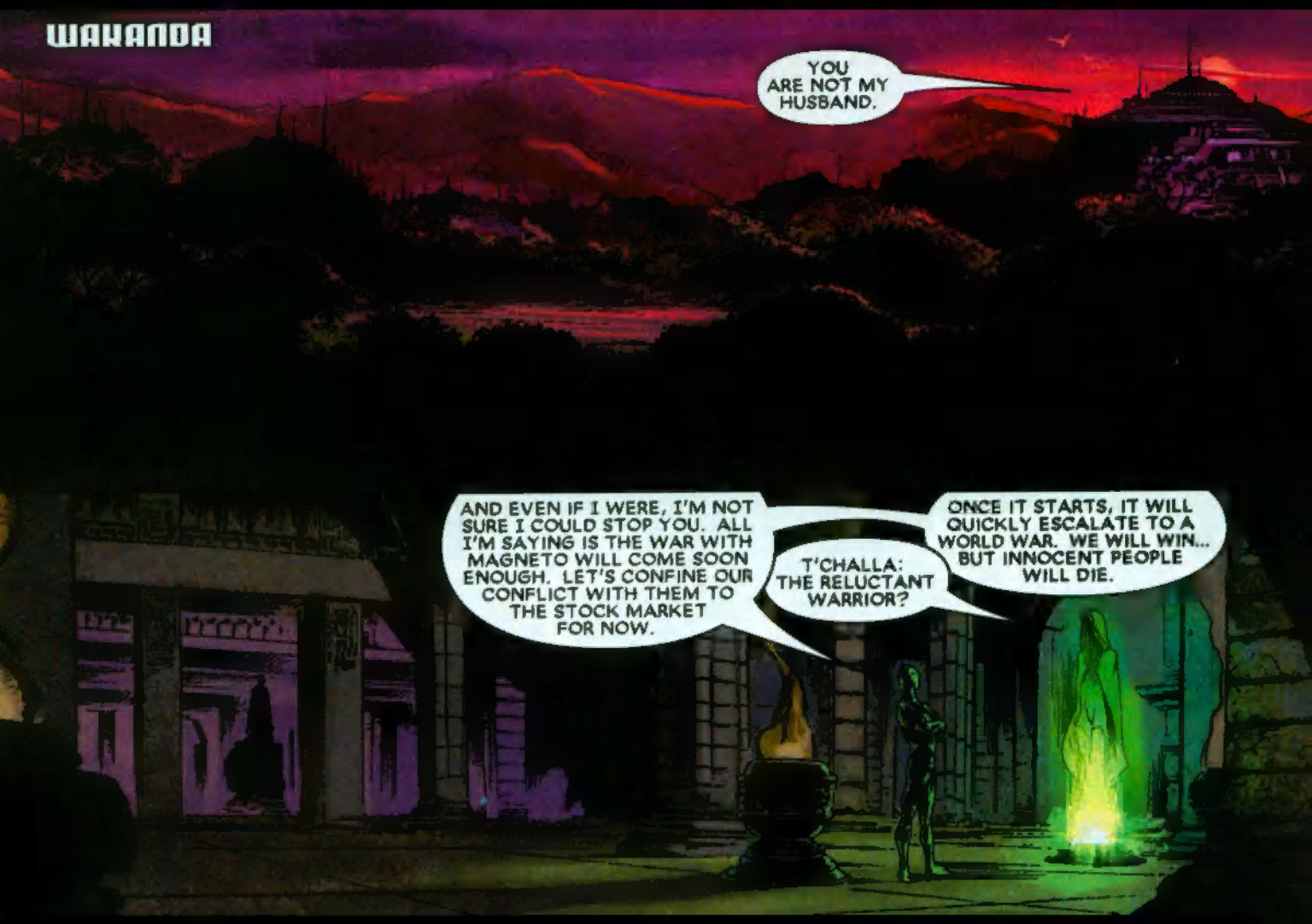
PIETRO! WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE!
ORORO, I...OH MY GOD...
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING... YOU'RE JUST... BREATHTAKING....
OH, AREN'T YOU SWEET! BUT YOU DIDN'T COME ALL THIS WAY TO TELL ME THAT.
WELL, SORT OF, YES. I WAS IN ITALY, THINKING OF YOU, AND WONDERING IF IT WERE HOT HERE...
...AND IF YOU MIGHT LIKE AN ICE CREAM CONE.
HAND-DELIVERED FROM ROME?!

TUSCANY, ACTUALLY...
PIETRO, YOU DO SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS FOR ME...I FEEL GUILTY.
DON'T FEEL GUILTY, JUST GIVE ME A CHANCE.
I HATE THE WAY YOU KEEP BATTERING YOUR HEART AGAINST A WALL.
I HATE THAT YOU WASTE YOUR LOVE ON SOMEONE WHO'S NOT WORTHY OF YOU!
THAT'S YOUR *FATHER* TALKING.
I DON'T SAY THAT BECAUSE HE'S A HUMAN. HE SPENDS HIS TIME WITH TARTS WHILE YOU PINE AWAY, WAITING FOR HIM TO SAY WHAT I FEEL--
--NO ONE CAN LOVE YOU LIKE I DO!
I'M SORRY, PIETRO.

MAGNETO'S PALACE, GENOSHA
DIDN'T I TEACH YOU ANYTHING ABOUT WOMEN?
QUITE FRANKLY, NO. I NEVER SAW YOU WITH OUR MOTHER, AND YOUR ADULT RELATIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN NOTHING TO EMULATE. ATTRACTING WOMEN WHEN YOU'RE THE RULER OF THE PLANET DOESN'T TAKE A LOT OF SEDUCTIVE SKILLS.
TOUCHÉ, SON. BUT YOUR INABILITY TO WOO ORORO WILL CAUSE BIGGER PROBLEMS THAN YOUR BROKEN HEART.
DID YOU SEE HER ON TV YESTERDAY?

THIS IS AFRICA AS WE ONCE KNEW IT.... A CONTINENT OF STARVATION, TRIBAL WARFARE, DISEASE AND DROUGHT....
...AND THIS IS AFRICA TODAY. WITH MUTANT LEADERSHIP REPLACING CORRUPT HUMAN RULE, LITERACY IS UP, UNEMPLOYMENT IS DOWN, AND PEACE IS BREAKING OUT EVERYWHERE. FROM BASKET CASE TO THE WORLD'S BREADBASKET, AFRICA IS ON THE MOVE!
Alison
TODAY ON "ALISON", WE HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE WOMAN WHO MADE THIS CHANGE POSSIBLE-- QUEEN ORORO OF KENYA!
Alison
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
QUEEN ORORO, WOULD YOU AGREE THAT AFRICA IS THE BEST EXAMPLE OF HOW LIFE IS BETTER UNDER MUTANT RULE?
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THE PREVIOUS REGIMES EXPLOITED AFRICA TERRIBLY. FROM THE SLAVE TRADE TO APARTHEID, AFRICA HAS BEEN A VICTIM OF A SERIES OF MORAL ABOMINATIONS CONDONED BY WORLD GOVERNMENTS, RELIGIONS AND BUSINESSES.
WELL SAID!
MAGNETO HAS INSTALLED LEADERSHIP THAT ACTUALLY CARES ABOUT THE PEOPLE ON THIS CONTINENT, AND FOR THAT, WE ARE GRATEFUL.
CLAP CLAP CLAP
I AM VERY, VERY PROUD OF BEING A MUTANT. BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THE MUTANT GENE INCLUDES SOME INHERENT MORAL SUPERIORITY. MUTATION IS A SCIENTIFIC FACT, NOT A CHARACTER STATEMENT.

PERHAPS YOU MIGHT WANT TO EXPLAIN WHAT YOU MEAN SO SOME VIEWERS DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA... HEH HEH...
YES, EXPLAIN YOURSELF, YOU TRAITOROUS WENCH!
...FATHER...
GLADLY. CASTRO ONCE CLAIMED THAT RACISM WAS A NATURAL BYPRODUCT OF CAPITALISM, AND THAT THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM WOULD NATURALLY ERADICATE PREJUDICE. WRONG.
YOU CAN'T COMPARE THE TWO! HUMANS REALLY DO HATE DIFFERENCE!
NO "ISM" IS GOING TO FIX THE PERSISTENCE OF PREJUDICE WITHOUT SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS. WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE MYTH OF WHITE SUPREMACY CONTINUES IN THE MUTANT-CONTROLLED WORLD.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
GOOD POINT.
ER, ENOUGH WITH THE POLITICS... WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR LOVE LIFE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
I MEAN THE IDEAL IS STILL A WHITE PERSON WITH A HUMAN APPEARANCE. I HAVEN'T NOTICED ANY FURRY, FEATHERED OR SCALED BEINGS DELIVER THE NEWS, HAVE YOU?
GOOD POINT?! YOU SIT THERE AND SAY GOOD POINT?
SHE'S RIGHT. IT'S THAT SIMPLE.
WONDERFUL. SO MY OWN SON GIVES ME NO CREDIT FOR GIVING THE HUMANS IN AFRICA A FREE PASS WHEN I CONSOLIDATED MY POWER AROUND THE REST OF THE GLOBE.
IT WAS MORE TROUBLE THAN IT WAS WORTH BEFORE. BUT NOW--
--NOW THEIR ECONOMY IS SO POWERFUL THEY COULD OVERTAKE US IN A DECADE!
NOW THE TRUTH COMES OUT.
MY MISTAKE WAS ALLOWING THAT HUMAN TO REMAIN KING. HE'S GOT HER HEART AND MIND. HE TELLS HER TO CRITICIZE ME IN PUBLIC. HAVE YOU SEEN HER SUPPORT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES?
SINCE YOU FAILED AT UNDOING THEIR ROMANCE-- I'LL DO IT MY WAY.


YOU ARE NOT MY HUSBAND.
AND EVEN IF I WERE, I'M NOT SURE I COULD STOP YOU. ALL I'M SAYING IS THE WAR WITH MAGNETO WILL COME SOON ENOUGH. LET'S CONFINE OUR CONFLICT WITH THEM TO THE STOCK MARKET FOR NOW.
T'CHALLA: THE RELUCTANT WARRIOR?
ONCE IT STARTS, IT WILL QUICKLY ESCALATE TO A WORLD WAR. WE WILL WIN... BUT INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL DIE.

CONFIDENT BUT SENSITIVE. NO WONDER THE LADIES LOVE YOU.
WHICH ONE IS IT TONIGHT? MONICA LYNNE?
ORORO--
OR IS IT SHANNA, THE SHE-DEVIL?
ACTUALLY, I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU WERE DOING TONIGHT.
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR PLAYBOYS. I'LL LEAVE YOU TO YOUR HAREM.
ORORO, YOU KNOW I ONLY CARE ABOUT YOU. WHEN YOU'RE FLYING NUDE IN A THUNDERCLOUD-- DO YOU EVER THINK ABOUT ME?
GOODNIGHT, T'CHALLA!

OH, ORORO. IT'S LIKE THAT SONG FROM AMERICA:
"YOU GOT ME STRAIGHT TRIPPIN', BOO."
HUGHK!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU JUST SHOT ME LIKE THAT.
WHY NOT? I'M A VERY GOOD SHOT.

I MEAN, I COULD BE A DIPLOMAT... CONDUCTING BACK DOOR NEGOTIATIONS...
YOU DON'T HIRE A MERCENARY NAMED "SABRETOOTH" FOR THAT JOB.
ANY MESSAGE FROM MAGNETO?
BEYOND "MAKE SURE HE'S DEAD"? NO.
BLAM BLAM
THE MESSAGE--
UGH! --IS FOR ORORO. BUT IT REQUIRES--
--CUTTING OFF YOUR HEAD!

HUPEK!
THUD
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
DAMN. I MISSED. WELL, THAT'S BRAIN DAMAGE FOR YA.
HOLD ON, IT'LL TAKE ME A SECOND TO HEAL.

OOOF!
CRACK
OKAY, NOW, WHERE... WERE...WE?
SLICK

WHEN DID THIS ARRIVE?
TODAY. THE PANTHER MUST HAVE USED THE TRANSPORTER WE GAVE SABRETOOTH.
DID HE SEND THE BODY BACK, TOO?
NO. APPARENTLY THE PANTHER FAVORS BREVITY IN HIS MESSAGES.
NOW THINGS ARE GOING TO GET NASTY....

...NOW THAT THINGS ARE GOING TO GET NASTY, THE NEXT SEQUENCE [redacted] EVENTS IS PRETTY OBVIOUS. WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT EVENTUALLY MAGNETO WOULD RESCIND HIS [redacted] TO NOT INVADE OUR RESPECTIVE MONARCHIES. HE'LL START HERE, THEN EVENTUALLY PICK [redacted] OFF [redacted] BY ONE. THE QUESTION IS, DO WE STAND TOGETHER, OR HANG SEPARATELY?
THE COUNCIL OF KINGS
WE [redacted] SUPPOSED TO RISK OUR KINGDOMS, EXPEND OUR RESOURCES [redacted] YOUR BEHALF BECAUSE OF [redacted] SUPPOSED ALLIANCE BASED ON--WHAT--RACE? THAT'S FINE [redacted] YOU AND ORORO, AND PERHAPS NAMOR [redacted] SUNFIRE IF THEY [redacted] TO SOME BROADER NOTION OF "ETHNIC UNITY"...BUT MAGNETO [redacted] OF GYPSY STOCK, LIKE MYSELF. SHOULD I [redacted] A [redacted] TRAITOR?
DON'T BE A FOOL, DOOM. YOU AND T'CHALLA HAVE [redacted] IN COMMON THAN ANYONE ELSE [redacted].
DOOM IS NO ONE'S FOOL. [redacted] YOU'RE LUCKY THIS MEETING [redacted] VIRTUAL.
AND HUMAN OR NOT--DOOM STANDS ALONE!
BOYS SHEATHED [redacted] METAL SHOULDN'T THREATEN STORM GODDESSES.
DOOM HAS MADE HIS DECISION.
WHAT DO THE REST OF YOU SAY?

CAIRO, EGYPT
HOW'S THE PYRAMID-BUILDING GOING?
I WAS WONDERING WHEN I WOULD [redacted] YOU.
I HAD TO RETEACH THE STUPID HUMANS EVERYTHING THEY FORGOT, BUT THE OLD SCHOOL WAYS [redacted] THE BEST!
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR [redacted] OPPORTUNITY TO SPREAD YOUR [redacted] BEYOND NORTH AFRICA, APOCALYPSE — HERE [redacted] YOUR CHANCE.
THE HUMAN?
YES...BUT LEAVE ORORO ALONE FOR NOW. I THINK THIS LESSON WILL [redacted] HER TO HEEL.
CONSIDER IT DONE.
YOU KNOW HE PLOTS AGAINST YOU.
THAT ARROGANT FOOL WILL HAVE TO BE PUT DOWN ONE DAY, TO BE SURE. BUT [redacted] NOW HE'S THE RIGHT-SIZED SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM.

ARRIVING IN WAKANDA IN 15 MINUTES, LORD APOCALYPSE.
BE ON THE ALERT FOR ANY POTENTIAL ATTACKS.
LIKE THIS SUDDEN CHANGE IN WEATHER, SIRE?
PULL UP! PULL UP!
OUR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM IS BEING SHORTED OUT, SIRE.
OH NO.... ARE WE IN A TORNADO?

THE BACKUP TEAM IS ON ITS WAY, SIRE-- GLGLPPP!
YOU ARE THE LAPDOG OF MEN WITHOUT HONOR.
IMPERIUS REX!

ARE YOU DROWNED YET? I HOPE NOT... I HAVE MORE FRUSTRATION TO VENT--
SHUT. UP.
YOU GREW GILLS--
UUUUUHH!!

FREEZE, NAMOR!
NOW THAT PRINCE TUNA IS [redacted] ICE...
...LET'S CHECK THE FORECAST AND [redacted] IF IT'S [redacted] OR RAIN!

WHAT THE--?
OH MAN, THAT IS UNCOOL...
NICELY DONE, SUNFIRE. AFTER YOU FINISH WITH HIM, RETRIEVE AND UNTHAW NAMOR. I'M LOOKING FOR ANY MORE OF APOCALYPSE'S HORSEMEN.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? YOU ATTACK THE WOMAN, AND I'LL GET SUNFIRE.
ARE YOU CRAZY? THESE PEOPLE ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF OUR WEIGHT CLASS. I SAY WE WAIT UNTIL APOCALYPSE SURFACES, THEN WE MAKE A MOVE.
WHY DID YOU EVEN VOLUNTEER FOR THIS MISSION?
I'VE GOT A LITTLE P.R. PROBLEM...SOME GIRL RELEASED A VIDEOTAPE OF ME AND HER...
...ANYWAY, I WANT TO BE A HERO...BUT NOT A DEAD ONE!

THE PANTHER'S CASTLE
HERE HE COMES!
ORDERS ARE TO FALL BACK! EVACUATE!
T'CHALLA WHAT'S THE--
WAIT-- WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU!
I THOUGHT HE HAD DUMPED YOU!
HOW MANY OTHER GIRLS ARE IN THIS PALACE?
WHERE ARE YOU, TCHALLA?
AH, THERE YOU ARE! THANKS FOR NOT HIDING! OUT OF RESPECT FOR YOUR COURAGE, I'LL MAKE IT QUICK.
!

HIDING IN YOUR MOTHER'S DRESSES WON'T--
--HELP.
B-BLACK BOLT?

# MAIL TO THE KING!

**Welcome back to Mail to the King, Pantherites. No reason to hold back, let's see what you've had to say about the latest adventures of Africa's greatest super hero!**

Dear Marvel,

While I think this is a good effort to revitalize the character of Black Panther, obviously the writers obviously have a personal agenda here against mutants—not to mention the history is totally screwed up! I am human too, but I believe in what the mutants have done for us. They have helped Africa, and the rest of the world! It's totally wrong of the writers to show the mutants as enemies. I also seriously doubt Black Panther could beat any mutant so easily! I mean, come on, he IS only human!

Zak Fleming
Lubbock, TX

**The world's full of good and bad everyones and everythings, Zak. You haven't forgotten the sapien warlord of Niganda, M'Butu, who the Black Panther only recently disposed of, have you? I've got a No-Prize with your name on it if you can come up with a way in which that guy wasn't evil.**

**If you're not sold on the diversity of our depiction of mutants, sit tight until next month; we think you'll love the story we have in store for you when the Panther meets a most uncanny group of mutants!**

Reggie & Co.,

This is great! It's so good to see a minority hero being represented—finally an awesome HUMAN super hero! It's important to have somebody to stand up for us against the mutant oppression—and who better to do it than Black Panther! I can't wait to see who he teams up with next—not to mention who he's able to turn over to our side! I think he is a great example for everyone, not to mention he looks great! The art is amazing! Big props go out to the entire art team for portraying Black Panther and the other super heroes the way they should be!

Jesse Shiple
London, UK

**Well, Jesse, there's no denyin' ladies love T'Challa. In fact, if you're keeping a scorecard, you'll know that the real world King of Wakanda ranks at the top of the "Hottest Bachelors Alive" list on a regular basis. Not too shabby for a sapien! (Being a king never hurts your odds.)**

Hail to the Chief,

I think BLACK PANTHER is a disgrace, and disrespectful to all Mutants. Humans should know by now that mutants are the genetically superior race, and stop trying to glorify themselves with such heroes, especially one of such low quality as Black Panther. He is nothing but a spoiled playboy, with no sense of responsibility toward others; this book simply glorifies him. He is a poor choice for a hero, and will never be able to stand up against the Mutants.

Paul Mulligan
Paris, OH

**Paul, all of Marvel's titles respectfully operate under the guidance and standards of the House of Magnus. We at Mighty Marvel do our best to surprise and entertain you with larger-than-life adventures each and every month. Occasionally, it may seem that T'Challa's escapades are beyond that of what a "normal" sapien could do; however, given the amazing technological wonders of Wakanda, I don't think that "normal"—whatever that is—applies to our boy. Don't forget, these are the fictitious exploits of a character. Could the real T'Challa go toe-to-toe with a mutant like Sabretooth such as he did in this month's issue? None of us can say for sure, but all I'm saying is, I want front-row seats for that throw-down.**

Let me just say, I LOVE THIS BOOK! I think writer Reginald Hudlin has done an amazing job with BLACK PANTHER! He is very mysterious, but still very very cool! Good job guys, you nailed it with this book! Count me in for the upcoming issues!

Ryan Mabobingloob
Manila, Philippines

**Considered yourself christened an Official Front Facer, Ryan!**

**Your Sapien Assistant Ed.**
**Cory**

**Next month, the Black Panther & the X-Men in a story so big it took two titles to tell it!**

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